

Washington, DC – Congresswoman Gwen Moore today announced that the Milwaukee area will receive over \$1.1 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to restore and modernize military facilities. Included in the \$37 million awarded in total to Wisconsin, this award will fund military construction for the 128th Air National Guard unit at Mitchell International Airport. The investment of federal funding will help save and create needed jobs in the Milwaukee area while providing much-needed improvements to military facilities.

“The continued investment of Recovery Act funding in our state will go a long way towards the creation of jobs, stimulation of our local economy and the repair and modernization of infrastructure,” said Rep. Moore. “The men and women of our armed services have earned the right to live and train in modern working facilities and the multifaceted effects of the Recovery Act are yielding tangible results for the people in our community.”

Currently, the 128th Air National Guard’s security forces operate out of two obsolete trailers that do not meet current USAF requirements including one trailer built in 1969. The Recovery Act funds will be used to replace the antiquated facilities with a new modern facility that will allow the men and women of the 128th Air National Guard the ability to properly train in combat arms and maintain combat equipment at a combined facility that meets modernization requirements. This will help ensure that the 128th Air National Guard does not lose its ability to fulfill its mission and complete necessary wartime mobilization and readiness training.

The Department of Defense (DoD) Recovery Act funds Wisconsin receives will be spent on 29 separate projects with the primary purpose of creating jobs and stimulating economic activity across the state. All the projects focus on making much-needed improvements to military installations including hospitals, child development centers, and housing for troops and their families.

Representing less than 1 percent of the entire \$787 billion ARRA package, the \$7.4 billion investment in defense-related projects will further the legislation's stated goal of stimulating the American economy, while improving the quality of life for service members, their families, and DoD civilian workers.

ARRA funds are also being used to support DoD high priority programs such as care for wounded warriors and energy security. Facility improvement projects include many energy conservation measures. \$300 million of ARRA funds will be used on military energy research programs so that the DoD can continue to lead the way in the national effort to achieve greater energy independence.

To view a complete list of the specific projects announced today, please visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery> and <http://www.recovery.gov>

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